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SUBJECT: RHODESIA SANCTIONS: REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION ON LEGAL

PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS

1. JOHN MANLEY, ARTHUR ANDERSEN AND COMPANY, JOHANNESBURG, HAS INFORMED CONGEN THATN BASED ON DIRECTIVES FROM CHICAGO HEAD OFFICE, JOHANNESBURG OFFICE NOW REQUIRING US CLIENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

"WE GIVE YOU OUR ASSURANCE WITHOUT UNDERTAKING TO GUARANTEE THAT SO FAR AS WE KNOW:

"THIS WILL INFORM YOU THAT, TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE COMPANIES HAVE NOT ENGAGED IN ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT TRANSACTIONS PROHIBITED TO PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATES LEGISLATION AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS RELATING

TO TRADE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING RHODESIA".

- 2. ARTHUR ANDERSEN STATES THAT, OF COURSE, THIS BASED ON TITLE 3 THE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE ORDER 11419, RELATING TO TRADE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING SOUTHERN RHODESIA, JULY 29, 1968.
- 3. ARTHUR ANDERSEN SAYS THAT THIS REQUIREMENT FOR WRTITTEN ASSURANCES IS BASED ON A RELATIVELY RECENT (NO DATE STATED) DIRECTIVE FROM CHICAGO TO REQUIRE THIS OF ALL "YEAR-ENDS" FROM CLIENTS. FIRM SAYS THAT WHILE THERE ARE SOME "YEAR-ENDS" OCCURING THROUGHOUT THE CALENDAR YEAR, MAJORITY OF CLIENTS HAVE "YEAR-END" REVIEWS AT END OF CALENDAR YEAR.
- 4. ARTHUR ANDERSEN HAS COME TO CONGEN BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO FIRM, CLIENTS ARE ASKING "WELL, WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES? WHAT WILL HAPPEN? WHAT ARE THE LEGAL OBLIGATIOONS? WHAT MUST BE DONE OR WHAT MUST WE DO TO COMPLY?".
- 5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE WHICH MAY BE RELAYED TO ARTHUR ANDERSEN AND COMPANY FOR IT IN TURN TO USE AS GUIDANCE FOR ITS CLIENTS. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR OBSERVATIONS THE DEPARTMENT MAY CARE TO MAKE WILL BE APPRECIATED. JOHNSON

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